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Strengthening Education among STs
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheme for Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes especially girls in low literacy districts is being implemented in the country including Karnataka;

(b) the number of Non Governmental Organisations that have availed of benefits under the scheme and the number of projects initiated by them; and

(c) the percentage of the allocated budget for the scheme along with the percentage of it utilised by the State of Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAIDHANJIBHAIVASAVA)

(a): Yes, Madam. This Ministry is implementing a gender-specific scheme exclusivelyfor STs girls viz., "Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts" in the country, including Karnataka.

(b): During the last financial year 2014-15, twentynine (29) grantee organisations have been funded for running and maintenance of 112 Educational Complexes for ST girls under the Scheme.

(c): The allocation of budget is scheme-wise, not State-wise. The Scheme is being implemented in 54 identified districts in the country, where the ST population is 25% or more, and ST female literacy rate below 35%, or its fractions, as per 2001 census. However, no district in Karnataka has been identified under the scheme, though 4 Blocks viz., (i)Devadurga Block in Raichur District, (ii) Molakalmur Block in Chitradurga District, and (iii) Sandur Block & (iv) Kudligi Block both in Bellary district, in Karnatakahave been identified under the Scheme. No organisation has been funded for running the projects under the Scheme in Karnataka during the last 5 years.
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